

MINUTES
COLUMBUS PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 1ST, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M.
RICHARDS SCHOOL
3311 FAIRLAWN DRIVE
COLUMBUS, INDIANA

Members Present: Dave Fisher (President), Steve Ruble, Jesse Brand, Tom King, Bryan Haza, Jack Heaton and John Hatter.

Members Absent: Joan Tupin-Crites, Dave Bonnell, Patricia Zeigler, and Brian Russell.

Staff Present: Jeff Bergman, Sondra Bohn, Marcus Hurley, Thom Weintraut, Laura Thayer, and Alan Whitted (Deputy City Attorney).

Mr. Fisher introduced Mayor Fred Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong welcomed those in attendance and thanked the Plan Commission and Staff for all the work involved in setting up the meeting. He stated he thought it was important for the Community meetings to happen. Mayor Armstrong stated it was a good opportunity for the public to ask the questions and to discuss them in an open forum.

Mr. Bergman explained the agenda process of the meeting to the public. He introduced members of the Plan Commission and Planning Staff to the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the October 4, 2006.

Motion: Mr. Heaton made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Brand seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

RZ-06-07: KELLER DEVELOPMENT – a request by Keller Development, Inc. to rezone a property of approximately 20 acres from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to R-5 (Urban Residential). The property is located on the south side of Rocky Ford Road 920 feet west of Marilyn Street and 1480 feet east of Duffer Drive in the City of Columbus.

Mr. Fisher stated that the Planning Department had received a letter from Keller Development dated October 11, 2006 requesting a withdrawal of the request. Staff also received a letter from Jeffrey C. Rocker, Attorney on behalf of Keller Development requesting a withdrawal of this request without prejudice.

Motion: Mr. King made a motion to approve the withdrawal of this request without prejudice. Mr. Haza seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS REQUIRING COMMISSION ACTION

None

NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING COMMISSION ACTION

ANX-06-03: GERALD AND BARBARA STUTSMAN ANNEXATION – a request to annex to the City of Columbus approximately 3 acres, located at 2005 West County Road 200 South (on the south side of County Road 200 South 1400 feet west of County Road 150 West) in Columbus Township

Ms. Thayer presented the staff information on this request.

Mr. Ted Darnell with Crowder & Darnell represented the petitioner.

Mr. Darnell stated that the only outstanding issue left to address was the additional annexation of the property to the east be part of his request. Mr. Darnell stated that Edith Stutsman signing the application for annexation has accomplished this.

Mr. Fisher opened the meeting to the public.

There was no one to speak for or against this request.

Mr. Fisher closed the meeting to the public.

Mr. Bergman stated that staff would recommend sending a favorable recommendation to the City Council for this request and the adjoining property to the east of 0.86 acres where the owners signed a Voluntary Annexation waiver. He stated that this request is supported by the City's annexation policy. Mr. Bergman stated staff would recommend a favorable recommendation be sent to City Council.

Motion: Mr. Heaton made a motion to send a favorable recommendation to the City Council for this request, including the 0.86-acre property to the east (1895 West County Road 200 South) to be part of this annexation. Mr. Haza seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Keller Development Site Public Comments and Questions.

There were approximately 200 people attended the meeting. A sign up sheet was provided for the audience as they entered the meeting. A Public Notice Questionnaire was passed out to each person to answer and to be handed in after the meeting.

Mr. Bergman explained the notification process that takes place for a public hearing. (Jeff I am waiting for a summary from Marcus on the discussion.)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

LIAISON REPORTS

Written reports were received and discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00P.M.

David L. Fisher, President

Steven T. Ruble, Secretary